

Consultation on setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target



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Objectives for the contribution

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution? Yes

1b. What is most important to you?

Investing in renewable energy in several ways: encouraging consumers to switch to renewable energy and/or save on power bills by promoting/funding energy saving schemes (i.e. insulating old houses, offer tax rebates for owners installing power saving devices in their homes/ at work).

Limiting/ stopping the use of fossil fuels. No more coal extraction and no fracking in New Zealand.

Focus on clean farming: no water pollution, more planting of trees, less use of fossil fuels.

What would be a fair contribution for New Zealand?

2. What do you think the nature of New Zealand's emissions and economy means for the level of target that we set?

There needs to be a shift in mindset and a commitment to change. Invest in organic farming, renewable energy research. These will help New Zealand as a forward thinking country.

No matter the nature of our emissions, we need to think about the long term impact of the way we drive our economy.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

20% below, although I believe that investing in green energy and new technologies should have positive impact on overall economy, create new employment opportunities and overall keep the economy flowing, especially if New Zealand aims to lead the way in that sector.

4. Of the opportunities for New Zealand to reduce its emissions (as outlined on page 15 of the discussion document), which do you think are the most likely to occur, or be most important for New Zealand?

A transition to a low-carbon economy leads to greater energy security and limits our vulnerability to oil price volatility, supply disruptions and potentially high future carbon prices.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?

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Make steady and gradual changes so these are less likely to affect some areas such as farming. Look to other countries that have already made improvements in sectors like farming and use them as a model.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.